

largely because of "some extraordinary" scientific investigations by members of the U. S. navy medical corps in 1932 and that the medical personnel who took part in the salvage, except for two pharmacists' mates, were not given recognition.—*San Bernardino Sun*, December 8, 1940.

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Lunacy Board Appointment

Dr. Harold E. Fraser, personal physician to the late Governor James Rolph, Jr., was the choice today of superior court judges to the city's Lunacy Commission. Doctor Fraser succeeds the late Dr. Tilton E. Tillman.—*San Francisco Call-Bulletin*, December 17, 1940.

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Coördination of Agencies Suggested

Stephenson Conducts First Departmental Meeting in History

The first department-wide meeting in the eleven-year history of the State Department of Professional and Vocational Standards this week produced suggestions that may lead to an extensive program of streamlining and elimination of waste effort, Director Dwight W. Stephenson announced yesterday. . . .

Another money-saving suggestion made was to establish referees for each board. As it is now, when, say the medical boards want to hold a hearing on a disciplinary matter, the majority of the board must sit—at per diem expense to the state, of course.

If referees were available many of the matters could be settled with just that one man sitting.

A sliding-scale on license fees for all boards was another proposition. . . .

Every board is self-sustaining by law, and funds from one board cannot be transferred to another. Stephenson does not recommend any change in this set-up—he only wants a graduating scale put in. . . .

All of these changes will require legislative action.

The sixteen boards in the department govern the following vocations and professions:

Accountants, architects, barbers, chiropractors, contractors, dentists, doctors, engineers, funeral directors, nurses, optometrists, osteopaths, pharmacists, ship brokers, veterinarians and contractors.—*Sacramento Union*, November 29, 1940.

LETTERS

Concerning Change of Name: Insurance Association of Approved Hospitals.

Oakland, California,
November 12, 1940.

To the Editor:—This is to notify you that the Insurance Association of Approved Hospitals will henceforth be known as *Hospital Service of California*, and the new address will be 364 Fourteenth Street, Oakland.

Very truly yours,
BYRON F. ASHTON, *Manager*.

Concerning Meeting of American College of Surgeons.

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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
FOUNDED BY SURGEONS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND CANADA, 1913

Chicago, December 17, 1940.

To the Editor:—Will you kindly insert in your notices of coming events the following sectional meetings of the American College of Surgeons. Program details will be sent you later covering the meeting in your area. . . .

March 26–28, Salt Lake City, Hotel Utah. Participating states: Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, and Utah.

Hospital conferences will be held in connection with each of these meetings. Fellows of the College, members of the medical profession at large, and persons interested in the institutional care of the sick and injured, are invited to the sectional meetings; on the final evening of each meeting, a meeting on health conservation, to which the public is invited will be held.

40 East Erie Street.

(Signed) AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Concerning Two Letters of Appreciation.

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CALIFORNIA TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

San Francisco, California,
December 16, 1940.

To the Editor:—Many thanks to you for carrying the article "Tuberculosis and Racial Groups" in the December issue of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE*. It is very helpful to us to have such an article in the *JOURNAL* at this time, since the awareness of physicians of our Christmas Seal sale is an important factor in the success of the campaign.

45 Second Street.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. F. HIGBY,
Executive Secretary.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

FOUNDED 1881 UNDER THE TREATY OF GENEVA

Washington, D. C.,
December 2, 1940.

To the Editor:—The national officers of the American Red Cross are truly appreciative of the splendid coöperation given through the columns of your publication in our annual membership campaign. Your generous aid in thus reaching a wider circle of readers has been particularly important because of the heavy responsibilities devolving upon our organization as a result of our national defense program.

Again let me express our deep appreciation for your coöperation.

Sincerely yours,

G. STEWART BROWN,
National Director,
Public Information Service.

Concerning a Lecturer (C. A. de Vere) on "Anatomy of the Head and Neck."

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF

PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL STANDARDS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Sacramento, California,
December 28, 1940.

George H. Kress, M. D., Editor,
San Francisco, California.

Re: "Dr." C. Augustus de Vere.

Dear Doctor Kress:

Reports have come to us from various sections of the state that an individual who signs his name C. Augustus de Vere, claiming to be "Director of Anatomy, Division of Educational Courses," New York is giving lecture courses (for a fee) on the "anatomy of the head and neck." One of our correspondents related, "I did not complete the course. After hearing him talk, I was quite certain he was no authority on anatomy."

Your files should show a letter signed A. E. Anderson, M. D., on the letterhead of the California Medical Association dated June 14, 1939, re this individual; also copy of a letter addressed to G. H. Kress, M. D., Secretary, California Medical Association, dated Los Angeles, June 12, 1939, signed George D. Maner, M. D.; also your letter to Doctor Anderson, Fresno, California, dated June 14, 1939, and your letter to George D. Maner, M. D., dated June 13, 1939.

Dr. H. Verrill Findlay reported on November 7, 1940, that he had communicated with the American Medical As-